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# Selectmen's Report

It is again the duty, as well as the pleasure, of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, to present to the tax payers and voters of the town, their Annual Reports for the year ending February 1st, 1880.

The appropriations of the past year have been none to large. We have used every possible endeavor to keep within their limits, but have in one or two instances exceeded them.

## HIGHWAYS.

The Town appropriated at their annual meeting thirty-eight hundred dollars for the ordinary repairs of the highways, and for special repairs caused by the December flood, and subsequently raised one thousand dollars more, making in all forty-eight hundred dollars, which has all been expended, and about three hundred and fifty dollars over the appropriations. It was our aim from the commencement, to do all repairs in the most thorough manner; after the experience of the last ten years, we think it will be cheapest in a long run. We might have stopped sooner; we thought it would give better satisfaction to finish all places that were weak, than to take the risk of damage which might arise from high water.

## THE POOR.

Six paupers who have been supported by the town, some for a long time, have died the last year. Ellen Powers, Jerome W. Merritt, Abigail Warner, Mrs. Strang, Sally Little and W. H.

Bartlett. The sickness of Bartlett has cost about four hundred and thirty dollars, which is all paid. The State has agreed to pay one half of this amount. This with the bills we have paid for C. H. Colton, a State pauper, amounting to thirty-seven dollars, will make about two hundred and fifty dollars. After deducting this from the amount we have paid, will give us a margin of about two hundred dollars below the appropriation. The condition of the poor has very much improved, and in our judgment the Town will be safe in appropriating considerably less money than last year.

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

The expenses of this account have considerably overrun the appropriations. It can readily be seen that the appropriation was too small. The amount paid the town officers, abatement of taxes, and the amount paid for bridge plank and the care of hearse amount to about seven hundred and thirty dollars, which are as sure to occur as the expenses for the Poor, or for Highways. Besides we have paid for insuring the town house and for rope for the derrick, amounting to one hundred and twenty-eight dollars, which is the property of the town, and still on hand. The sums paid as specified above, amount to sixty-four dollars more than the appropriation, besides what has been paid for what may be called strictly contingent.

We congratulate our fellow townsmen on the fair prospects before us ; after passing through the great calamities which have happened in the last six years, we cannot but help rejoice.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS NASH,<br>
JOHN O'NEIL,<br>
BENSON MUNYAN,<br>
Selectmen of Williamsburg.

# Rules and Regulations

FOR THE

## Better Maintaining Order in Town Meetings.

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1. The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in reference to others, and shall decide all questions of order.

2. When any voter shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided one-third of the voters present are in favor of it.

3. He shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature; except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest and longest time shall be first.

4. When a question is put under debate, the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone for an hour certain, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

5. When two or more happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one that shall speak first.

6. No voter shall speak more than three times on one question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, nor more than twice until others who have not spoken, shall speak, if they desire it.

7. All committees shall be appointed and announced by the Moderator, unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting.

8. When any voter shall make a motion, and such motion shall be seconded by another, the same shall be received and considered by the meeting, and not otherwise.

9. When a vote is passed, it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof; and when a motion of reconsideration is decided, the decision shall not be reconsidered.

10. No one shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another while any one is speaking, or pass unnecessarily between the Moderator and the person speaking.

11. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator desires it.

12. Any voter may call for a division of the question, where the sense will admit of it.

13. No motion or proposition of a subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

14. When a vote is doubted, the voters for or against the question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they shall be counted.

15. Individuals while speaking, shall stand uncovered and address the Moderator.

16. No person shall be permitted to stand on the seats.

17. A motion to adjourn without date shall be debatable; but a motion to adjourn to a day certain, shall not be debatable.

18. No person shall be permitted to smoke in this house.

## LIST OF JURYMEN FOR 1880.

| | |
|---|---|
| Thomas Lennehan, | Samuel L. Clark, Jr., |
| Francis S. Warner, | John W. Hill, |
| John W. Lyman, | Sylvanus Hubbard, |
| Thomas S. Hayden, | Lewis H. Warner, |
| Wilmot L. Clark, | Henry C. Nash, |
| John W. Belcher, | Frederick S. Chapin, |
| James O'Donnell, | Charles L. Hosford, |
| Joseph Thompson, | Hiram Nash, |
| Lester W. Carr, | Elbridge D. Kingsley, |
| John Sculley, | Luther Loomis, |
| George H. Ames, | Chauncey W. Fay, |
| Lorenzo Warner, | Morris Connell, |
| William W. Nash, | Samuel A. Merritt, |
| Alvah Stebbins, | Jonathan T. Stockwell. |

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## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1879.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| For Schools, | $1,000 | |
| Highways, | 3,800 | |
| Interest, | 1,500 | |
| Poor, | 2,500 | |
| Contingent, | 800 | |
| Fire Department, | 200 | |
| History of Connecticut Valley, | 125 | |
| County Tax, | 1,918 | 62 |
| State Tax, | 380 | |
| | $12,223 | 62 |
| Less amount anticipated from Bank Tax, Licenses, &c., | 1,275 | 21 |
| Amount assessed, | 10,948 | 41 |

$1000 raised September 4, not assessed.

## TREASURY RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Remainder in Treasury March 1, 1879, | 1,184 61 |
| " on Tax Bills of 1876–7, | 304 93 |
| " " " 1877–8, | 433 40 |
| " " " 1878–9, | 1,677 97 |
| Received amount of Tax Bills for current year, | 10,948 41 |
| " Interest on unpaid Taxes, | 57 62 |
| " Remainder Corporation Tax, 1878–9, | 33 00 |
| " " " " | 72 91 |
| " Income of Collins School Fund, | 871 78 |
| " " State " " | 240 81 |
| " From County of Dog " | 79 20 |
| " " State Bank Tax, | 1,106 15 |
| " " " for Support of Poor, | 172 75 |
| " " " Aid, | 800 00 |
| " For Rent of Town Hall, | 16 00 |
| " Auctioneer's License, | 2 00 |
| " Liquor Licenses, | 319 00 |
| " Plank Sold, | 1 45 |
| " Use of derrick rope, | 1 00 |
| " Lot in Cemetery, | 2 50 |
| " Support of Poor of Amherst, | 15 48 |
| " " " Whately, | 14 86 |
| | $18,356 33 |

## EXPENDITURES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid Interest on Town debt, | $1,424 00 |
| " " Temporary Loans, | 132 88 |
| " County Tax and Interest, | 1,918 62 |
| " State Tax, | 380 00 |
| " " " on Collins Fund, | 70 77 |
| " for History of Conn. Valley, | 125 00 |
| " State Aid, | 732 00 |
| " Schools, | 3,376 50 |

## OLD BILLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | J. B. Gleason, for Earth, | $3 16 |
| | Dennis Fogarty, for labor, | 4 37 |
| | Edwin Everett, for stone and earth, | 17 25 |
| | L. Dolan, for labor, | 2 12 |
| | R. C. Dorsey, for stone, | 8 50 |
| | L. C. Graves, for labor, | 4 50 |
| | Robert Damon, for moving scraper, | 3 00 |
| | Geo. F. Smith, for labor, | 88 |
| | Lyman Hyde, for plank, | 164 12 |
| | Sylvanus Hubbard, for stringers, | 6 00 |
| | Sereno Kingsley, abatement, | 48 00 |
| | Sundry abatements, | 34 46 |
| | H. A. Bisbee, services as collector 1876–7, | 132 84 |
| | " " " 1877–8, | 127 75 |
| | " " " 1878–9, | 111 90 |
| | | $668 85 |

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | L. D. James, for repairs on hose, | $22 35 |
| | E. F. Miller, for care of Engine, | 5 00 |
| | J. M. Foster, " " | 10 00 |
| | | $37 35 |

Appropriated, $200.

## CONTINGENT ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | Dewey Williams for care of, and wood for Town House, | $5 25 |
| | S. K. Wait, for coal for Town House, | 5 63 |
| | Stebbins & Williams, for repairs on Town House, | 11 90 |
| | Geo. H. Ames, merchandise, | 22 75 |
| | Oliver Walker, for Insurance, | 58 80 |
| | A. C. Morton, abatement of tax, | 11 00 |
| | Wm. B. Hale, " " | 7 00 |
| | Edward Handfield, " " | 1 05 |
| | Sundry Poll Tax, " | 84 32 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid | Dewey Williams, for labor on Town House, | $11 25 |
| | Joshua Crosby, for services as S. Committee, | 15 00 |
| | Lewis H. Porter, " " | 25 00 |
| | Geo. F. Smith, " Collector, | 98 53 |
| | Thomas Nash, " Selectmen, | 100 00 |
| | John O'Neil, " " | 100 00 |
| | Benson Munyan, " " | 100 00 |
| | T. M. Carter, for services as Clerk and Treasurer, | 65 00 |
| | Richard Cahill, for damage to wagon, | 3 15 |
| | Wm. G. Bassett, for counsel, | 7 00 |
| | Almon Warner, for plank, | 34 74 |
| | Wm. A. Nash, " | 34 12 |
| | Gazette Printing Co., for bill printing, | 46 60 |
| | L. H. & H. M. Porter, for scraper, | 6 00 |
| | Wm. P. Strickland, for services, | 2 15 |
| | Wm. E. Thayer, for merchandise, | 55 19 |
| | L. H. Porter, for numbering scholars, | 6 50 |
| | Martin G. Wells, for two chains, | 4 00 |
| | Homer Foot & Co., for rope, | 70 74 |
| | J. M. Munn, for casting, | 1 05 |
| | H. A. Bisbee, for care of Hearse, | 44 75 |
| | " " services as Constable, | 11 49 |
| | Expressage, postage and team to Hatfield, | 12 12 |
| | | $1,062 08 |

Appropriated $800.

## HIGHWAYS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | Jerome O. Hill for labor, | $62 65 |
| | Lyman Hyde, " | 92 39 |
| | Lewis Guilford, " | 7 00 |
| | J. B. Rogers, " | 13 10 |
| | Michael Whalen, " | 6 25 |
| | Sanford Packard, " | 11 05 |
| | J. H. Metcalf, for merchandise, | 9 75 |
| | Harris Guilford, for labor, | 3 12 |
| | H. S. Leonard, " | 2 25 |
| | Andrew Breckenridge, | 7 50 |
| | William Skinner, for earth, | 10 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid | Mrs. Sarah H. Wrisley, for earth, | $23 75 |
| | Joseph Thompson, " | 1 00 |
| | H. G. Chapman, expressage, | 3 35 |
| | Hiram Hill for hay, | 6 72 |
| | H. W. Sampson, cement and labor, | 11 50 |
| | Chauncey French for labor, | 5 27 |
| | Samuel A. Merritt, " | 58 46 |
| | Franklin Clapp, " | 45 25 |
| | Robert Damon, " | 31 37 |
| | W. W. Nash, " | 66 86 |
| | Smith Phillips, " | 115 37 |
| | Henry C. Nash, " | 71 87 |
| | Geo. F. Warner, " | 35 75 |
| | C. H. Washburn, " | 5 00 |
| | Jerome S. Washburn, " | 9 00 |
| | H. H. Tilton, for Stone Boat, | 3 00 |
| | Geo. H. Elliott, for care of cattle, | 3 00 |
| | | $721 58 |

Appropriated $800.

## SPECIAL REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid | L. D. James, for merchandise, | $11 47 |
| | Edward Handfield, for blacksmithing, | 69 77 |
| | Jerry Loyer, " | 7 90 |
| | Darius Stevens, " | 38 06 |
| | Otis G. Hill, for use of cart, | 11 50 |
| | Sylvanus Hubbard, for hay, | 8 64 |
| | Freemen Sears, for boat plank, | 1 75 |
| | B. M. Couch, for castings, | 81 18 |
| | Webster Herrick, for bolts, etc., | 14 55 |
| | E. & L. C. Graves, for labor and timber, | 407 03 |
| | H. L. & G. M. Bradford, for timber, | 245 67 |
| | Chas. M. Thayer, for labor and land damage, | 58 24 |
| | Joseph Joslyn, for labor, | 18 93 |
| | John O'Neil, " | 90 95 |
| | Henry W. Hitchcock " | 123 87 |
| | C. W. Hill, " | 7 50 |

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| Paid | B. F. Crosby, | for labor, | $6 62 |
| | Geo. H. Elliott, | " | 35 25 |
| | Ira N. Guillo, | " | 17 00 |
| | Isaac F. Baker, | " | 23 57 |
| | Daniel C. Wade, | " | 11 25 |
| | Charles Baker, | " | 12 50 |
| | Oscar Damon, | " | 2 00 |
| | Martin V. Williams, | " | 14 34 |
| | Thomas Ryan, | " | 73 60 |
| | Francis McGowan, | " | 17 50 |
| | William O'Brien, | " | 41 50 |
| | Joseph Longervine, | " | 8 75 |
| | William Naven, | " | 46 00 |
| | Peter Shea, | " | 5 62 |
| | Edward Curran, | " | 18 75 |
| | Martin Riley, | " | 29 85 |
| | B. Daily, | " | 1 25 |
| | James Murphy, | " | 2 50 |
| | Patrick Powers, | " | 47 25 |
| | Wadsworth Drake, | " | 23 18 |
| | William Wright, | " | 54 10 |
| | Lorenzo Warner, | " | 90 96 |
| | J. M. Munn, for castings, | | 14 40 |
| | Hill & Warner, for meal, | | 48 68 |
| | E. A. Chatfield, for cement and freight, | | 24 90 |
| | Henry W. Hill, for stone, | | 3 50 |
| | Wm. B. Hale, for earth, | | 25 00 |
| | Lucinda K. Nash, for earth, | | 100 00 |
| | Lyman Parsons, for labor and plank, | | 4 37 |
| | Charles E. Baggs, | " | 108 64 |
| | Dennis Fogarty, | " | 45 00 |
| | Joseph B. Rogers, | " | 145 03 |
| | John Welsh, | " | 24 62 |
| | John Mehan, | " | 50 99 |
| | Henry L. Graves, | " | 194 98 |
| | Edmund Keefe, | " | 28 75 |
| | Michael Sullivan, | " | 101 77 |
| | Sanford Packard, | " | 257 90 |
| | Lewis H. Porter, | " | 70 25 |
| | Samuel House, | " | 184 66 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid John Joslyn, | for labor, | $41 00 |
| Thomas Nash, | " | 27 00 |
| Wm. P. Leonard, | " | 17 87 |
| Otis G. Hill, | " | 4 00 |
| Martin G. Wells, | " | 38 50 |
| C. Cummings, | " | 20 00 |
| Wm. E. Warner, | " | 17 87 |
| Edgar C. Hill, | " | 53 12 |
| Charles S. Smith, | " | 66 12 |
| R. Hill, | " | 11 42 |
| Joel J. Cranston, | " | 142 65 |
| Edgar Cheeney, | " | 46 87 |
| Wm. F. Pratt, | " | 191 97 |
| Charles E. Tileston, | | 294 00 |
| Jerome F. Bartlett, | | 170 25 |
| Fred. P. Crosby, | | 31 21 |
| Patrick Doyle, | | 42 55 |
| | | $4,430 19 |

Appropriated $4,000.

## POOR ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid for Orrin Graves in full, | | $35 51 |
| Jerome W. Merritt, deceased, | | 61 54 |
| Sally Little, | " | 143 56 |
| Ellen Powers, | " | 26 54 |
| Wm. H. Bartlett, | " | 430 70 |
| Charles Colton, | " | 37 02 |
| Ruth P. Hall, | | 32 00 |
| Mrs. Nelson and Thomas Wait to Feb. 1, | | 84 20 |
| Mrs. Ellsworth and children, | | 90 00 |
| Mrs. Mullaly's | " | 219 80 |
| Marcus Way to Feb. 1, | | 84 00 |
| Lyman Hemingway to July 1, | | 84 43 |
| Abigail Warner, deceased, Irena Meekins and D. Pittsinger to Feb. 1, | | 217 81 |
| James M. Nichols, | " | 236 00 |
| John M. French, | " | 72 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid for Mrs. William Williams to Jan. 1, | | $174 30 |
| Catherine Wright | " | 55 00 |
| Ed. Ryan and family | " | 56 25 |
| Michael O'Brien and family in full, | | 32 00 |
| Walter Strang and wife, | | 204 34 |
| Harriet A. Guilford and children, | | 90 00 |
| Mrs. Daniel Wright, | | 5 00 |
| John Cohn, | | 45 |
| W. L. Smith & Co, for coffins, | | 47 50 |
| H. M. Porter, merchandise, | | 27 14 |
| John Butler, | " | 8 45 |
| L. D. James, | " | 33 38 |
| Smith & Fay, | " | 14 68 |
| John Christopher, for Patrick Powers, | | 20 00 |
| | | $2,623 61 |

Appropriated $2,500.

# TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Receipts, | $18,356 33 | Paid int. on Town Debt, | $1,424 00 |
| | | " Temporary Loans, | 132 88 |
| | | County Debt and int., | 1,918 62 |
| | | State Tax, | 380 00 |
| | | State Tax, Collins Fund, | 70 77 |
| | | Histories Conn. Valley, | 125 00 |
| | | State Aid, | 732 00 |
| | | Schools, | 3,376 50 |
| | | Old Bills, | 668 85 |
| | | Fire Department, | 37 35 |
| | | Contingent Account, | 1,062 08 |
| | | Highways, | 721 58 |
| | | Highways, special, | 4,430 19 |
| | | Poor Account, | 2,623 61 |
| | | Remainder in Treasury, | 652 90 |
| | $18,356 33 | | $18.356 33 |

| ASSETS. | | LIABILITIES. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Remainder in Treasury, | $652 90 | Due Smith Charities, | $2,900 00 |
| Due from State, Dec. 1, for State Aid, | 732 00 | Arlington S. Bank, | 10,000 00 |
| | | John Bertram of Salem, | 15,000 00 |
| Due from State, Dec. 1, for Poor, | 250 00 | Outstanding Claims, | 150 00 |
| Balance, | 26,415 10 | | |
| | $28 050 00 | | $28,050 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. CARTER, *Treasurer.*

WILLIAMSBURG, February 1, 1880.